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SUMMARY: THE JAPANESE POLICE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE
POSSIBILITY
OF RADICAL TERRORISM DURING EXPO, PARTICULARLY DURING THE CROWN
PRINCE'S
VISIT TO THE OPENING. ALONG WITH SECURITY PROBLEMS, THE EXPO WILL
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OTHER DIFFICULTIES FOR OUR MAJOR MILITARY PRESENCE HERE, PARTICULARLY

A MAGNIFIED POLITICAL SENSITIVITY TO BASE ISSUES AND CRIMES BY OUR SERVICEMEN. THE EXPO WILL ALSO OFFER AMERICANS COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE. END SUMMARY

1. REFTTEL DESCRIBED THE FORTHCOMING OPENING OF EXPO AND ITS EFFECT ON OKINAWANS. THIS TELEGRAM DESCRIBES SOME EFFECTS ON U.S. INTEREST IN OKINAWA.

2. TERRORISM -GOJ OFFICIALS AND POLICE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE DANGERS OF RADICAL TERRORISM DURING EXPO. LEFTTIST GROUPS RANGING FROM THE MIDDLE-AGED ANTI-H BOMB ASSOCIATION THROUGH NOTORIOUS

RED ARMY RADICALS HAVE DENOUNCED THE CROWN PRINCE'S SCHEDULED VISIT JULY 17-19 TO OPEN THE EXPO. GOVERNOR YARA, WHO WAS ELECTED BY THE LEFT, HAS STAUNCHLY SUPPORTED BOTH THE EXPO AND THE CROWN PRINCE'S VISIT, WHICH IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE ASSORTED

LEFTIST GROUPS TO AGREE ON AN ACTION PROGRAM. THE RECENT DESECRATION OF THE CENOTAPHS AT SUICIDE CLIFF WITH

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RED PAINT SLOGANS AND THE GRISLY SELF-IMMILATION OF A YOUNG RED ARMY MEMBER IN FRONT OF THE USAF KADENA GATE, HOWEVER, HAVE PUT POLICE NERVES ON EDGE. MASSIVE POLICE REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE MAINLAND WILL SATURATE THE ISLAND, BUTH THE SMALL, SECRETATIVE, AND TOTALLY RECKLESS TERRORIST GROUPS WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GUARD AGAINST. OUR BASES AND PERSONNEL ON OKINAWA ARE A LOGICAL AUXILLARY TARGER FOR THE RADICALS, AND OUR COMMANDS WILL NEED TO BE SPECIFICALLY WATCHFUL, NOT ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF EXPO, BUT DURING ITS WHOLE COURSE.

3. EFFECT ON OUR MILITARY INTERESTS HERE -BESIDES THE DANGERS OF TERRORISM, THE EXPO BRINGS OTHER PROBLEMS FOR OUR VITAL MILITARTY INTERESTS ON OKINAWA. ONE CONCERN IS ESPIONAGE FROM THE 130-MEMBER RUSSIAN PAVILION AND MUCH SMALLER BULGARIAN, EAST GERMAN, HUNGARIAN, AND CUBAN STAFFS WHOSE MAIN JOB MIGHT BE INTELLIGENCE, NOT SHOW-MANSHIP. THE PRINCIPAL DANGER, HOWEVER, IS PROBADLY OKINAWAN LEFTIST EXPLOITATION OF THE EXPO CONTEXT TO ATTACK OUR BASES AAAND THE OVERALL SECURITY TREATY. AT PRESENT THE GOH AND THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PATY LEADERS ARE UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE TO LEFTIST

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CRITICISM OF BASE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY CRIME. THIS IS STIMULATED IN PART BY THE RECENT SENSATIONAL FLORES RAPE CASE, BUT ALSO

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PROBADLY BY LEFTIST CHARGES THAT THE GOVT HAS REPEATEDLY BUCKLED UNDER TO AMERICAN POSITION ON SUCH PROBLEMS OVER THE LAST YEAR AS THE IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT. BEYOND THAT, THE AUTHORITIES ARE UNDOUTEDLY FEARFUL THAT A NEW SENSATIONAL CRIME BY A SERVICE-

MAN OR OTHER BASE ISSUE MIGHT PROVIDE A PRETEXT FOR MANY WIDESPREAD LEFTIST PROTESTS, WHICH COULD SOMEHOW SPOIL THE CROWN PRINCE'S VISIT, WITH EXTREME EMBARRASSMENT TO THE JAPANESE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE. THIS SENSITIVITY IS COMPOUNDED BY THE MAINLAND PRESS WHICH ONCE AGAIN IS FOCUSING ON OKINAWAN RELATED PROBLEMS AFTER THREE YEARS OF DISINTEREST. THUS, DURING THE EXPO PERIOD, PROBLEMS INVOLVING OUR MILITARY HERE WILL BE MAGNIFIED IN IMPORTANCE BEYOND THE USUAL.

4. SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS ON OKINAWA, HOWEVER, ARE FULLY SENSITIVE TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF OUR PRESENCE HERE, AND ARE UNDERTAKING A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS OF TROOP EDUCATION AND OTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT INCIDENTS. FOR INSTANCE, THE MARINES HAVE UNIT COMMANDERS WALKING THE STREETS IN THE BASE ORIENTED VILLAGES AT NIGHT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR TROOP OFF DUTY. THE COMMANDS HAVE ALSO BEEN CONSULTING WITH LOCAL LEADERS TO GET THEIR ASSISTANCE AND FORESTALL TENSIONS. (INCIDENTALLY, IT SHOULD

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BE ADDED THAT OUR MILITARY COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN BOTH GENEROUS AND DISCREET WITH THEIR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE EXPO ASSOCIATION AND U.S. PAVILION.)

5. PROBABLY THE MOST TOUCHY SINGLE BASE SITUATION INVOLVES OUR HIGHLY IMPORTANT IE SHIMA AERIAL GUNNERY AND BOMBING RANGE, LOCATED ON THE ISLAND DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE EXPO SITE. OUR PLANES ARE DISTANTLY VISABLE AS SPECKS AS THEY MAKE THEIR PRACTICE RUNS. LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE CAMPING AND ROAMING ROUND IE SHIMA, OPENING POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCIDENTAL OR INTENTIONAL ENTRY TO THE RANGE. IT IS HARD TO ANTICIPATE THE TACTICS OF THE LEFT, BUT, WITH THE CURRENT DORMANCY OF THE MARINE ARTILLERY FIRING ISSUE, CONFIDENTIAL
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THE RECENT MEMORY OF THE IE SHIMA SHOOTING INCIDENT, AND THE RANGES PROXIMITY TO EXPO, IT UNFORTUNATELY SEEMS A MOST LOGICAL TARGET FOR THE LEFTISTS.

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6. IN GENERAL, ALSO, THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS WANDERING AROUND THE ISLAND WILL INTENSIFY OUR SECURITY PROBLEMS AND POLITICAL VULLNERABILITY.

7. OTHER U.S. CONCERNS - THERE WILL BE OTHER AMERICAN CONCERNS. POSSIBLY, FOR INSTANCE, PROJECT JONAH ADVOCATED MAY FOCUS IN ON THE EXPO AS A USEFUL SITE FOR PROTEST AGAINST JAPANESE WHALING. RIGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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NEXT TO THE AMERICAN PAVILION IS THE HALL FO THE WORLD OCEANS SYSTEMS GROUP, BUILT IN THE SHAPE OF A LARGE WHITE WHALE, A CON- VENIENT SITE TO STAGE PROTESTS, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY WILL PROBABLY DRAW JAPANESE ANGEF RATHER THAN SYMPATHY.

8. MORE IMPORTANTLY, ON A POSITIVE NOTE , THE EXPO WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT CONTEST FOR DEVELOPING INTEREST IN AMERICAN HIGH LEVEL OCEANIC TECHNOLOGY. THE PAVILION STAFF AND CONGEN WILL BE ALERT TO WHAT CAM BE DONE TO PRESS AMERICAN EXPORRS IN THIS FIELD, AND THE EMBASSY PLANS TO SPONSOR ANS OCEANIC EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

AN AUGUST, AND, FINALLY, OF COURSE, THE EXPO WILL BE A PLEASURE-
ABLE SHOW FOR BOTH AMERICAN VISITORS WHO STOP OFF A DAY OR TWO
AS THEY TRAVEL THROUGHT THE FAR EAST AND FOR THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN
LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE STATIONED HERE DURING THE EXPO PERIOD. SYLVESTER

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